

REMARKS

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The amendments to paragraph [0056] were made to expressly recite that the "4 kg" measurement corresponds to the *weight* of the composite insulation material and that the "293 kg/m³" measurement corresponds to the *density* of the composite insulation material. Because one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that "kg" and "kg/m³" inherently describe measurements of *weight* and *density*, respectively, the amendments to paragraph [0056] merely express explicitly that which was already expressed inherently in paragraph [0056] as filed. Thus, applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

The amendments to paragraph [0073] were made to correct typographical errors and harmonize the third and fourth sentences of this paragraph. As amended, the third sentence of paragraph [0073] now recites that when foamed neoprene is exposed to hydrostatic pressures of 350 feet of sea water, "it compresses 70 percent." This is now consistent with the fourth sentence, which recites: "Due to this compressibility, the volume fraction of gas present in the foam insulation decreases 70 percent, thereby increasing the thermal conductivity by 200 percent." Thus, applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicants submit that the above amendments can be made without introduction of new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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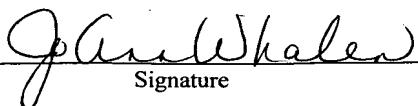
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